

FANTO et al
Appl. No. 09/816,317
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 8, 9, 14 and 15 are pending in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled in order to reduce issues, this action being taken without prejudice to a continuing application directed to the subject matter of either or both of these claims.

Claims 8, 9, 14 and 15 were allowed in the current Official Action. A Notice of Allowance is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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